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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM SEOUL APRIL 21:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3266

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN

SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA: CORE GROUP

REF: STATE 088523

SUMMARY: EMBASSY ADVISED MOFA OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING REGARDING CONVENING CORE GROUP. ROKG RESPONSE EXPECTED EARLY NEXT WEEK. CANADIANS REPORT ALGIERS NOT PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED PARAS 1 - 3 REFTEL WITH MOFA U.N. DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN, APRIL 21. HE SAID HE WOULD RELAY DEPARTMENT'S VIEW TO FONMIN WHO IS NOW IN LONDON, AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE AN ANSWER EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. YI'S ONLY COMMENT ON DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS PARA ONE REFTEL WAS TO NOTE THAT WHILE SITUATION APPEARS CONFIDENTIAL

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MODERATELY FAVORABLE FOR AVOIDING KOREAN DEBATE IN 32ND UNGA, POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT NORTH KOREA COULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION MERELY CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION PASSED AT 30TH UNGA, OR ALTERNATIVELY CALLING FOR "GREAT NATIONAL POLITICAL CONFERENCE", WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE ROKG WHILE MISLEADING UNINFORMED DELEGATES INTO THINKING NORTH KOREA ACTUALLY

FAVORED DIALOGUE. YI SAID FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN HAD EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST THAT IF KOREAN QUESTION COULD BE FINESSED FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE UNGA'S, NORTH KOREA WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME IN RESURRECTING ISSUE. THUS, ANY NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, HOWEVER MILD, WOULD BE DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT WOULD SERVE TO KEEP THE ISSUE ALIVE IN SUCCEEDING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

3. YI SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR JEFFREY CHARLEBOIS HAD VISITED HIM EARLIER IN DAY TO CONVEY REPORT FROM CANADIAN CHARGE IN ALGIERS TO EFFECT THAT ALGERIANS DID NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AT NACC. CANADIAN CHARGE REPORTEDLY SPECULATED THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS RESULT OF CONTINUED INFLEXIBILITY OF NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AND CUMULATIVE EFFORTS OF CORE GROUP DEMARCHES IN ALGIERS LAST YEAR. EMBOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED CORE GROUP AND RELATED ISSUE WITH CHARLEBOIS WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY YI TO POLL CANADIAN EMBASSIES IN NACC COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO NORTH KOREA. CHARLEBOIS APPEARS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COORDINATION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA AND WE ANTICIPATE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS CANADIANS ARE TAKING. SNEIDER UNQUOTE VANCE

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